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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Sugden, et al.

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Invention: Protection Against Loss of Downhole Tools

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 15, 2005

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In response to the Office Action mailed July 15, 2005, Applicants submit this response and respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's objections and rejections.

Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants petition for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 up to and including December 15, 2005. A check in the amount of \$450.00 for a two month extension of time is included herein. Applicants hereby authorize the U.S. Patent and Trademark

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